



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Term 2 Week 9 - 15th June 2026

EVENTS

THIS WEEK 9

Monday

Athletics Carnival

**DIBELS/PAT Testing
this week**

Tuesday

**GTR Meeting 8.40am
(RE Room)**

Thursday

**School Disco 6pm
(Parkes Services Club)**

NEXT WEEK

Wednesday

**Polding Cross Country
(Sydney)**

Friday

Assembly 2:45pm

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome all students back last week after an extra long weekend. I hope all families were able to enjoy some quality time together during this mini break, and return refreshed and ready for learning in our community of belonging.

Congratulations to the six students who represented our Diocese at the Polding Touch Trials in Port Macquarie last Friday.

Today we are holding our Athletics Carnival at Northparkes Oval. Students are looking forward to a fun day of friendly competition and encouragement. The top three students in each age group will represent our school at the Cluster Carnival in Trundle early next term. Thank you to staff and families for supporting this important school event.

On Wednesday we will hold a mufti day, with students invited to wear their favourite footy colours for State of Origin. Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation, with all funds raised going to St Vincent de Paul. There will also be special footy cupcakes available for purchase at the canteen on the day.

A reminder that our Term 2 Disco will be held this Thursday from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Ex-Services Club. The theme is 80s, and the children are very excited for a fun night of dancing and laughter.

Finally, this Sunday we will celebrate a Family Mass at 9:30 am at Holy Family Church. We would love as many families as possible to join us as we gather in faith and gratitude.

Denise Gersbach

Principal

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★ Star of the Week ★

Kaleb Beard is our Star of the Week for consistently demonstrating our core values of Praise, Love and Trust. He is a hardworking student who always strives to do his best, follows instructions carefully, and approaches all tasks with a positive attitude.

Interview with Kaleb



What is your favourite subject?



Art

In your free time, what do you like to do?

Play with cars.

What is your favourite food?

Watermelon

What do you like most about our school?

The playground.



I'm good at running.

What would you like to be when you grow up?

A soccer player.

Term 2 Week 9: Manner of the Week (From our Core Value - PRAISE)

Brighten someone's day with words that lift; accept their praise like a beautiful gift!

This fortnight's challenge is on- FIFA World Cup 2026 Quiz

1. Which sport is played at the FIFA World Cup?	A. Cricket B. Soccer C. Tennis D. Basketball
2. How often is the FIFA World Cup held?	A. Every year B. Every 2 years C. Every 4 years D. Every 10 years

3. Which three countries are hosting the 2026 FIFA World Cup?	A. Australia, New Zealand and Fiji B. England, Scotland and Wales C. United States, Canada and Mexico D. Brazil, Argentina and Chile
4. What is another name for soccer in many countries?	A. Rugby B. Football C. Hockey D. Netball
5. How many players from one team are usually on the field at a time?	A. 7 B. 9 C. 11 D. 13
6. Which player is allowed to use their hands during play?	A. Striker B. Defender C. Midfielder D. Goalkeeper
7. What colour card is shown for a serious foul?	A. Blue B. Green C. Red D. Purple
8. Which country has won the most FIFA World Cups?	A. Germany B. Italy C. Argentina D. Brazil
9. What shape is a traditional soccer ball mostly made from?	A. Squares and triangles B. Pentagons and hexagons C. Circles only D. Octagons only
10. What are Australia's national soccer teams commonly called?	A. Kangaroos and Wallabies B. Socceroos and Matildas C. Boomers and Opals D. Sharks and Dolphins

If there are multiple winning entries, your name will go into a draw. The winners will be drawn out of a hat and receive a prize at our School Assembly. Please write your name and answer on a piece of paper and hand it to me any time this week.

I hope everyone has a great week.

Andrew Berger

Religious Education

ELEVENTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

On Friday, 5th June, our school community celebrated the Feast of Marcellin Champagnat. Stage 3 staff and students prepared and organised the Mass. The students read, sang and carried out their parts with reverence and respect.

Some students from each class received Champagnat Awards for displaying Marist Characteristics. Congratulations to all those children for being exemplary role models for their peers.

Congratulations!

KC- Marli Jayet, Lola Wright, Henry McGrath
KJ-Grace Edwards, Elliana Ringk, Elsie Cowling
ICT-Millie McIntyre, Toby Slaven, Isla Duong, Zoe Harris,
Thenudi Rajapaksha, George Wright
2CR-Archer McWilliam, Navy Edwards, Ellie Gersbach, Noah Ross
3N-Frankie Clarke, Georgie Harris, Dave Jeffress, Piper Slaven
4WR-Hope Sargent, Elsie Galvin, Finley Gibbons
5/6B-Joey Hazleton, Max Crowe, Olivia Culhane, Rhys Hetherington, Piper Newham
5/6HW-Harvey Gray, Farrah Edmonds, Prince Karki, David Mamulashvili, Aava Dhakal



I hope everyone has a wonderful week.

Beverly Berger

Congratulations to our staff members who received Marist Awards for dedicated years of service in Marist Education.



20 years – Denise Gersbach
25 years – Beverly Berger, Judi Cannon, Andrew Berger

Upcoming Masses & Liturgies

*** Sunday, 21/6 Family Mass 9:30am at the Holy Family Parish Church**
All are invited to attend!

***Tuesday, 30th June, NAIDOC Liturgy (AEGG) 2.30pm, at the Holy Family School Hall**

Friday, 24th July, Grandparents' Day Mass (Stage 2) 12.15pm – at the Holy Family School Hall

Holy Family is donating non-perishable food items and winter woolies such as scarves, gloves, socks and beanies.

VINNIES
WINTER APPEAL

PLEASE DONATE!
PLEASE SEND YOUR DONATIONS TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.

Awareness and Outreach

"At the beginning, I didn't even have a sleeping bag," he said. "All I had was a suitcase and shoulder bag that I used as a pillow at nighttime. I couldn't believe how quickly it happened." David reached out to Vinnies, where he received the immediate and long-term support he urgently needed, thanks to generous people like you.



Wiradjuri

During their Wiradjuri lessons, last week, the students in 5/6B spent an afternoon building aboriginal shelters and campsites. They used a variety of natural materials like gum nuts, sticks, bark, branches, twigs, leaves, pebbles, etc. to build a campsite. The students then had to explain what they had built. They were very creative.

They also had-a-go at using the hand drill, an indigenous tool, to attempt to make a fire. The hand drill is where a vertical stick is twirled and forced down onto a lower stick to create an ember. They worked very hard at it and realised that it wasn't easy. It required skill, focus and perseverance.

The students were engaged all through the lesson and enjoyed their task.



Assembly Awards

Term 2- Week 8

AWARD	CLASS	STUDENT NAME
Student of the Week	KJ	Ellie Wykes
	KC	Gisele Jasmine
	1C	Noah Al-Maliky
	2CR	Evie Byrnes
	3N	Michal(Mimi) Sibanda
	4WR	Sophie Ross
	5/6B	Archie McIntyre
	5/6HW	William O'Bryan
Recognition of Learning Award	Infants - KJ	Arian Dhakal
	Primary - 3N	Abraham Al-Maliky
Consistently Following School Rules (based on Manner of the Week, Environment and Uniform)	Infants - 2CR	Iris Burt
	Primary - 5/6HW	Aava Dhakal
Playground Behaviour Award	Infants - KC	Brighton Crisp
	Primary - 4WR	Risika De Silva
Leadership Award	Infants - 1C	Jack McCabe
	Infants - 1C	Millie McIntyre
	Primary - 5/6B	Nazzarine Payne
Living the Gospel Values	Infants - KJ	Harley Gibbons
	Primary - 3N	Reuben Cook

Join the ICAS 2026 Academic Competition.

The fun and inspiring challenge for bright young minds.

We're proud to offer ICAS 2026 to our students – a national competition that challenges their thinking, motivates them to excel, and celebrates their academic skills.

How ICAS helps our students succeed

- Develops critical thinking and problem solving through fun academic challenges
- Recognises academic achievement like we do in sport and the arts
- Provides insights that help educators and parents identify strengths and areas of growth.

Who can participate in ICAS?

ICAS offers a comprehensive suite of subjects for Year 2 to 12 students.

Dates and pricing

Each subject costs \$21.95 per student, except Writing which is \$25.95



Digital Technologies
3 – 7 August



Science
17 – 21 August



Writing
3 – 7 August



Spelling Bee
17 – 21 August



English
10 – 14 August



Mathematics
24 – 28 August



If your child is interested in taking part, speak with their teacher to find out how they can get involved.
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Register Here → <https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/parent-payment/UEI950>



Janison.



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Phyllis
Year 4

Notes

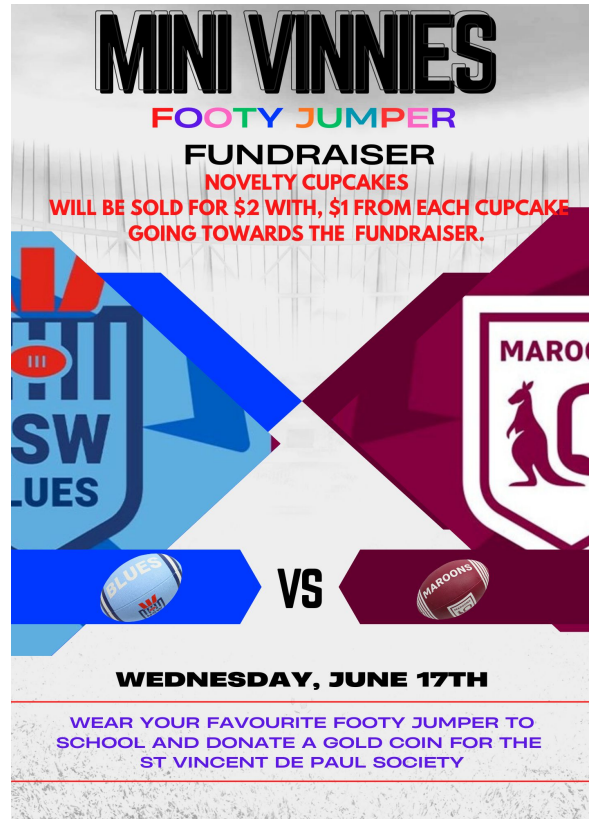


BACK to 80's DISCO

THURSDAY, 18TH JUNE

CHILDREN ARE TO BE DROPPED OFF AND PICKED UP FROM UPSTAIRS IN THE STARLIGHT ROOM AT THE PARKES SERVICES CLUB.
6 PM - 7 PM

ENTRY: \$3 AND SNACKS TO BE SOLD BY THE P&F



MINI VINNIES
FOOTY JUMPER FUNDRAISER
NOVELTY CUPCAKES
WILL BE SOLD FOR \$2 WITH, \$1 FROM EACH CUPCAKE GOING TOWARDS THE FUNDRAISER.

SW LUES VS **MAROOCH**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17TH

WEAR YOUR FAVOURITE FOOTY JUMPER TO SCHOOL AND DONATE A GOLD COIN FOR THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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PLAY AND GROW

A HAPPY PLACE TO GATHER



The Holy Family School Play and Grow Playgroup on this Friday from 10AM - 11AM. See you there!



HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL PARKES 

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION PROGRAM

KICKSTART YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING JOURNEY!

Our 2027 Transition Program begins in Term 1 and runs from **17 March 2027** to **8 December 2027** for children commencing Kindergarten in 2028.

- ✓ FREE - No Cost
- ✓ Program aligns with school hours
- ✓ On EVERY Wednesday 9 am - 3 pm (During School Terms)
- ✓ Canteen lunch available
- ✓ FREE Holy Family sports shirt for the program.

Attendance in Terms 3 and 4 is limited to students enrolled for 2028 Kindergarten at HFS.

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Stargazing with Murriyang

Join CWAS at CSIRO's Parkes Observatory Visitors Centre for a night observing the stars.

Tuesday, 30th June 2026 & Wednesday, 8th July 2026

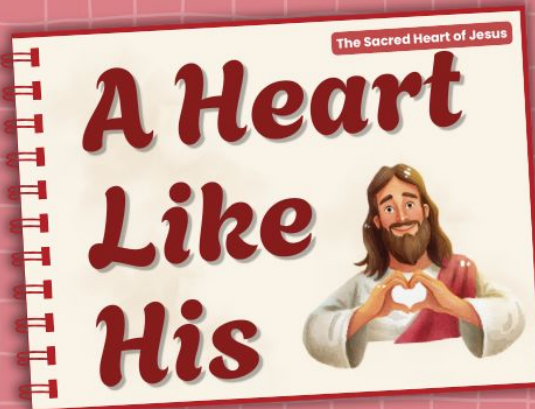
5:30pm to 8pm

No booking required for this free event. BBQ available and cost applies – cash ONLY

This is a family winter event, so please rug up! If the weather is cloudy or stormy please call to confirm – (02) 6861 1777.

Disconnect to protect our science When approaching the observatory please turn off all mobile, WiFi and Bluetooth technology to help protect our telescope.

Australia's National Science Agency



Please join us in
the Holy Family
School
Religion Room

Tuesday morning
at 8.40am

Gather - Together - Reflect

Our GTR this week is about the Sacred Heart of Jesus, His immense love for us, and an invitation to share that same love with others through everyday acts of kindness, compassion and care.

"The Heart of Jesus is a furnace of love for us."

St John Eudes

All Parents, Carers, Toddlers and Parishioners
are welcome!



STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Student attendance is recorded each day. As a parent or caregiver you are responsible for ensuring your child attends school every day unless your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment
- is required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- is required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- is sick, or has an infectious illness.

If you are having difficulty getting your child to attend school regularly, please discuss this with the school principal.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, please **update this within 7 days** on the Compass Parent Portal or explain the reason by phone, e-mail or written note as soon as possible. Late arrivals and/or early departures can only be entered via the Compass Kiosk at the office.

After 7 days, the absence will remain as 'Unexplained' and cannot be changed (NSW Education Act 199

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A conference for parents and carers of children in NSW Catholic schools.

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- Setting boundaries and managing children's behaviour
- Managing anxiety and resilience
- Respectful relationships
- Artificial intelligence in education
- Celebrating family values

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389 Pitt Street Sydney

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Students on VISAS

For our families from overseas, it is important that the school has details of your current residency status.

Please provide us with your new visa grant notice or Australian citizenship documents, if:

- there has been any change in your visa sub class or the expiry date, or
- if you previously had a visa but have now become an Australian citizen

Term 2 - Parent Calendar

	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
Apr	1	20 First Day - Term 2 (Staff and Students)	21	22	23	24 Henry/Yeo League Stars Challenge	25 / 26 ANZAC Day (25 - PM)
Apr/May	2	27 ANZAC Day (Public Holiday)	28 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	29 Athletics - High Jump Event	30 Healthy Harold	1 Folding Winter Trials (Bathurst) Healthy Harold Assembly - 2.45pm	2 / 3
		NSW PSSA Swimming (28th)					
May	3	4 WF Cross Country (Parkes) Healthy Harold	5 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) Red Bend Visit - Year 6	6 Mother's Day Liturgy (2.30pm HFS Hall Stage 1) P&F Meeting - 8pm Action Club Public Speaking Competition 8pm	7 Mother's Day Breakfast 8am Assembly - 2.45pm	8 Pupil Free Day	9 / 10 Mother's Day (10)
May	4	11 Catholic Schools Week Mass 09:30am (Hall) Open classrooms - 10:20am Recess for all families outdoors 11am-11.30am Musica Viva - 2pm	12 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	13 Athletics -1500m Event	14	15 Folding Girls Rugby 7's Dads in School (Kindergarten) National Walk Safety to School Day	16 / 17
		Catholic Schools Week					
May	5	18 WF Rugby (Parkes)	19 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) AECG Meeting- Junior and Senior (venue TBC) CWA Primary Public Speaking Competition - Parkes	20	21	22 National Walk Safety to School Day	23 / 24
May	6	25	26 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) National Sorry Day	27 Reconciliation Week (27/5-3/6) HFS Spelling Bee Year 2 - Year 6	28 Assembly - 2.45pm	29	30 / 31
Jun	7	1 School Photo Day Parent/Teacher Interviews K-6 (School Hall)	2 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	3 P&F Meeting - 8pm	4	5 Feast of Saint Marcellin Champagnat (Stage 3) Whole School Mass - 9:45am (HHS)	6 / 7
Jun	8	8 King's Birthday (PM)	9 Pupil Free Day	10	11 Bright Future STEM Program - Year 5/6 - School Hall Kindergarten Library Visit 12pm - 1pm	12 Folding Touch (Port Macquarie) Assembly - 2.45pm	13 / 14
Jun	9	15 Athletics Carnival	16 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	17 Mini Winnies Fundraiser - Foody Jumpers	18 School Disco - 6.00pm	19	20 / 21 Sun 21/6 Family Mass 9:30am
Jun	10	22	23 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room)	24 Folding Cross Country (Sydney)	25	26 Assembly - 2.45pm	27 / 28 Folding CSP Rugby (Parkes) -28th
Jun/Jul	11	29 Folding Rugby Union (Parkes)	30 GTR Meeting 8.40am (RE Room) NAIDOC Day Celebrations and Activities NAIDOC Liturgy 2.30pm AECG	1 P&F Meeting - 8pm	2	3 Last Day of Term 2	4 / 5